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Clean Up Season

Late Spring Gives Chance to Improve Sanitation, Health Authorities Say.

Richmond, Va., April 16.—If they will avail themselves of the unusually cool and late spring and will organize general clean up campaigns without delay, the small towns of Virginia have an excellent chance of reducing their typhoid rate during the coming season, according to a statement issued today by the State Board of Health.

Observations at the local weather bureau show that the mean temperature for March, 1915, was 1.2 degree below that of March, 1914, which in turn was 5.1 degrees below the normal for the windy month. As 1914 was the record breaking year for typhoid in Virginia, witnessing scarcely more than half as many cases of the summer scourge as 1908, health officers here point out that the same favorable conditions prevail for the coming season, provided the necessary precautions are taken.

"A late spring, by reducing the early breeding of flies, is the best basis we can have for a favorable typhoid year," the board says in the bulletin given the press today, "but important as is the part played by the weather in raising or lowering typhoid, the sanitary conditions of our country homes and of our towns is also of the utmost consequence. With neglect, the initial advantage of a good season, such as we are now enjoying, may be lost; with proper care and sanitation, the advantage may be so increased that even if a very hot summer follows a cool spring, the amount of typhoid occurring in any given community can be kept down."

"There are many Virginia towns which have passed ordinances for the sanitary disposal of all human sewage and there are other towns that have such ordinances under consideration. If the latter towns will pass these ordinances and see that they are obeyed by all the householders and if these towns which have heretofore been remiss in handling their sanitary problems will become aroused, the towns of Virginia can be rid of typhoid fever, which has been one of their most serious handicaps."

"An insanitary town has a bad name. This reacts on its trade and its development as well as on the health of its people. On the other hand, the small towns which have a good water supply and a sewerage system or a well enforced sanitary privy ordinance are almost certain to attract settlers."

"The general spring clean up campaigns which are undertaken in some of our small towns have much to commend them. But all of them should center about the sanitary disposal of sewage. Where this is provided for, where pools are drained and where the breeding places of flies are broken up, there is not a town in Virginia that cannot be made sanitary and healthful. The State Board of Health has prepared various bulletins on different aspects of sanitation in town and country and will be glad to supply these in needed quantities free of cost. As far as its limited force

will permit, the board is also anxious to send inspectors to help organize clean up campaigns in the towns of the State. Several requests of this kind have already been filled since April 1."

Base Ball.

Results of Games Played Saturday in the Wise County High School League.

The Big Stone Gap high school teams, accompanied by a hundred or more rooters, journeyed to Appalachia Saturday to meet the teams at that place for the first time this season. The vally ball game, which took place at 2:30, was won by the Big Stone Gap girls, capturing three out of four periods. The boys were not quite so fortunate in the base ball game, losing by a score of 5 to 4, as the result of a sensational ninth inning rally by Appalachia.

Big Stone Gap held their opponents scoreless for eight innings and in the meantime had made themselves practically safe by sending four runners across home plate, and it looked like they had the game sewed up, but in the last half of the ninth inning Appalachia got busy and piled up five scores, winning the game. It was accomplished by two timely hits, two passes and two errors contributed by our boys. One of the hits was a two banger by Siphers, who started at the bat for Appalachia, getting three hits out of four trips to the plate.

Kelly, pitching for Big Stone Gap, again showed his cleverness in the box by striking out fourteen of his opponents and holding them scoreless for eight innings. Although he was touched for two hits in the ninth and issued two passes, his team mates, who had played an almost errorless game up to this time, failed to give the proper support or he would have won easily. Cross, the Appalachia pitcher, was hit freely, but not in safe territory and had good support in tight places.

The home team is scheduled to play at Norton next Saturday, Appalachia will play at Coeburn, while East Stone Gap and Wise will play here.

Score by innings:
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H
Appalachia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 4
Big Stone Gap 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 1 1 2
Errors—Appalachia, 5. Big Stone, 1.
Two base hit—Siphers.
Three base hit—Mullins.
Struck out—by Kelly, 14; by Cross, 6.
Bases on balls—off Kelly, 2; off Cross, 1.
Double plays—Mullins to Baker; D. Brown to C. K. Polley.
Umpires—Ed Cartwright and Billy Stewart.

East Stone Gap vs. Coeburn at Coeburn
Coeburn defeated East Stone Gap in the base ball game by a score of 8 to 3, while the East Stone Gap girls won in the vally ball game.

Norton vs. Wise at Wise
Norton won in the base ball game, defeating Wise 14 to 0, and also captured the vally ball game.

Standing of the League.

BASE BALL.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Norton	3	0	1000
Coeburn	2	0	1000
Appalachia	2	1	.667
Big Stone Gap	0	1	.000
East Stone Gap	0	2	.000
Wise	0	3	.000

VOLLY BALL.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
East Stone Gap	3	0	1000
Norton	2	1	.667
Big Stone Gap	1	1	.500
Coeburn	1	1	.500
Appalachia	1	2	.333
Wise	0	3	.000

Fences Destroyed by Forest Fire.

Freeling, Va., April 15.—Forest fires have become quite common in the mountains of this section during the past few days, as the weather has been unusually dry, and constant winds have prevailed. Much fencing has been burned. The heaviest loss is John W. Childress, of the south side of Cumberland Mountain. His loss is about 2,000 panels of serpentine fence. Some valuable timber also has been destroyed.

Civic League.

Of all the beautiful stories handed down to us from the shadows of the past, none is more touching than that of the friendship of "Damon and Pythias," a tale of absolute unselfishness and unsullied honor. It would seem almost impossible to do justice to it in picture, but one glance at the scene takes you quickly back to the days of classic beauty and grace. Lovely Grecian maids clothed in snowy robes of exquisite simplicity danced happily in gardens filled with flowers and fruit. The sterner scenes of furious war, the triumphant return of Pythias, and just as he marries his beautiful sweetheart, the cruel test of friendship. You are no longer watching a picture, but live the thrilling scenes yourself.

"No photo play in many seasons has won so immediate and growing favor as the Universal's presentation of "Damon and Pythias." Its six parts of wonderful beauty have a direct and impressive appeal to this great lesson of universal friendship. The Grecian environment and atmosphere is complete, the acting cast superb and the stage direction the perfection of motion picture producing."

—From New York Review.

Richmond, Va., Universal Film Mfg. Co.

Broadway, New York.
The Grand Lodge of Pythias of Virginia, after having witnessed the exhibition of the picture, "Damon and Pythias," express their high appreciation and pronounce this picture a wonderful portrayal. Every member intensely enthusiastic. Have our sincere co-operation.

Grand Keeper.
Look out for "Damon and Pythias," the wonderful moving picture, at the Amuzu soon for the benefit of Civic League.

U. D. C. Meeting.

Mrs. E. E. Goodloe was the hostess for the April meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The president, Mrs. Pettit, presided over the session, and it was attended by seventeen members and two visitors, Mrs. Lowery and Miss Elliot. The pupils of the school competing for the U. D. C. medal have asked the chapter to give them until May 1st to finish their essays, and the chapter has decided to extend the time to that date.

A letter was read from the circulation manager of "Today's Magazine" offering some very liberal cash prizes for subscriptions to that magazine, and it was decided that each member make an effort to get as many subscriptions as possible.

A letter was read from the Sidney Lamar Chapter, of Macon, Ga., presenting the name of Mrs. Walter Douglas Lamar, of Georgia, as a candidate for president General in 1915, and asking the endorsement and co-operation of the Big Stone Gap Chapter in electing her to this high office. A letter from the May Mildred Sullivan Chapter, of New York City, asking us to support Mrs. Livingston Schuyler for this office was also read.

Roll call in May will be answered with a current event. This closed the business session, and the following program was enjoyed: Song, "Old Black Joe," by Mesdames Barrier, Ayers and Alexander; paper, "The Story of Cotton and the Cotton Gin," Mrs. M. R. McCorkle; song, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," Mesdames Skeen and Goodloe and Miss Mary Skeen; reading, "Evacuation Day Fifty Years Ago," Mrs. S. A. Baily; letter, "The Experience of a Confederate Soldier," read by Mrs. Alexander.

The hostess served delicious refreshments. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. H. Hagy, at Imboden, in May.

Swat the Fly.

See W. F. Baker, opposite post office, for screens, doors and windows. Furniture also repaired.

KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE AND VIRGINIA MAY FURNISH FUEL.

Congressman Slempp Calls Attention to the Cheaper Freight Rates to Charleston and Facilities There.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—By a resolution recently introduced in the house by Congressman C. Bascomb Slempp, of Virginia, East Tennessee, Kentucky, southern coal fields may be given an opportunity to furnish coal to the military and naval establishments of the government. Mr. Slempp recites in his resolution that it has been alleged repeatedly that these coal fields have been discriminated against by the government in buying coal supplies in favor of the Pocahontas and other West Virginia coal fields.

One of the chief elements that has entered into the situation in the interest of the West Virginia field has been lower freight rates than could be secured for the southern coal fields. Now that large facilities are being provided at Charleston, S. C., for handling coal, with the result that the rates offered for the southern fields will be 50 cents to \$1 less per ton than secured for the coal from the West Virginia fields, the resolution calls for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house to investigate the adaptability of coals from the fields mentioned for naval and army usage.

Two members of this committee are to be appointed by the speaker of the house from the house naval affairs committee, two from the military affairs committee and one from the house body at large.

Congressman Slempp stated to the reporter that in his opinion, from the standpoint of an owner and dealer in coal lands in the Appalachian country, the products of this section is equal to, if not superior, to that of the West Virginia and other sections.

Congressman R. W. Austin, of Knoxville, Tenn., will work with Congressman Slempp on the above proposition during the next session of Congress.

George C. Ferrell Dead.

George C. Ferrell, of Richmond, Va., came to Big Stone Gap over a month ago on a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. T. Garrison, thinking the mountain air would be good for him and help him to regain his health. He gradually became worse and on last Wednesday took his bed, and notwithstanding all that could be done, he died on Friday night at 11 o'clock from Bright's disease. The end was expected as the doctors said they did not see any chance for his recovery.

Mr. Ferrell was 27 years of age and leaves a wife and one child, who live in Richmond, and three brothers and three sisters. M. E. Ferrell, his brother, of Roanoke, arrived in town Saturday at noon and, together with his sister, Mrs. J. T. Garrison, left on the afternoon train with the remains for Danville, where burial took place in the family burying ground Monday, relatives and friends paying their last respects on earth to deceased.

Mr. Ferrell was a pleasant gentleman and won a host of friends during his short stay here, who deeply regret his untimely death and extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Garrison and other relatives.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Many Stills Destroyed

Revenue Officers in Southwest Virginia Continually After Moonshiners

Since the first of April revenue officers of every county in Southwest Virginia have continually kept up their work of destroying illicit distilleries and capturing moonshiners, judging from reports just received here. On the 3rd day of April Deputy Revenue Officer S. C. Buchanan and posse captured a large still of 48 gallon capacity on Camp Creek in Dickenson County after a sharp battle with the moonshiners in which 50 or more shots were exchanged, however no one was hurt. Later six of these men were arrested and charged with shooting at revenue officers. They gave a bond of \$1000 each for their appearance before U. S. Commissioner W. C. D. Rush at Clintwood on the 1st of May.

Deputy Collectors Claude F. Beverley and G. F. Jones captured a big illicit distillery of 45 gallon capacity and destroyed 800 gallons of beer and 200 gallons of apple pumice last week near Lipps, in Wise County. On last Saturday they also destroyed another distillery in Dickenson County near Dent. E. L. Niece, an operator, was arrested and tried before a commissioner and was bonded to the amount of \$300 for his appearance at August term of U. S. Court at Big Stone Gap.

Deputy Collector C. E. Denny, of Lee County, captured a still in a house near Dryden, occupied by a man named Johnson last week.

Deputy Marshall Jones, of Scott County, made a raid on Stoney Creek, capturing a still and three men.

Farmers' Club Meeting.

The Flat Gap Farmers' Club met the night of April 14th at Flat Gap school house, Morgan Bolling, president, and J. M. Hamilton, secretary. They took up the subject of co-operative buying and made out an order for a car of fertilizer to be shipped to Rock Switch on the Interstate. County Agent Stiles was present and made a talk on things of interest to the farmer. It was decided to meet the 3rd Friday night in each month. The next meeting to be held the 3rd Friday night in May, at which time they will consider the installation of a telephone line to connect with the nearest switch board. This should be a great help to all citizens of the "Upper Pound."

Given a Year in Penitentiary.

Sam Blevins and Clint Johnson were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary by Judge Skeen on last Friday at the present term of court at Wise. They were charged with the robbery of Giles & Robinson's store at this place about two months ago, to which they pleaded guilty, throwing themselves on the mercy of the court. After the robbery they fled to Kentucky and were arrested by officers at Harlan, Lewis Sowers, who was an accomplice in the robbery, resisted arrest and fired on the officers and the Kentucky authorities detained him while the others were brought back to Virginia and lodged in jail at Wise.

Tennis Club.

The Cumberland Tennis Club has one of the courts at the Intermont Building ready for playing and the other one will be made ready within a very short time. Already about twenty-five persons have joined this club and more are expected to join soon. Everyone wanting to play tennis this year are invited to join the club. The fee for the season is only \$3.00 for men and \$1.50 for ladies, which is used towards putting the courts in first class condition.

Ore Mines Opened Up

At Irondale After an Idleness of Several Years. Will Employ 100 Men.

The iron ore mines at Irondale, formerly operated by Kelly & Irvine, have begun operation again after an idleness of about seven years, and will employ about one hundred men. The Midway Mining Company, Incorporated, is the name of the new concern recently organized at this place, with J. E. Bunn as president, who have leased the mineral tract from John B. Payne, of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Bunn is well known in this section as an operator of considerable ability. He states that work will be pushed rapidly and he will soon have a large output. Much work has to be done however in the way of laying tracks and opening up old drifts.

They have a permanent contract with the Pulaski Iron Company, at Pulaski, Va., for their entire output and in about a month will be able to ship about 2,500 tons per month. Two car loads of ore were shipped to Pulaski in February for a test and the analysis was of a high per cent. In fact the Pulaski Iron Company says it is the best ore they have been able to get.

Cleaning Up Day.

Friday, April 23rd.
Citizens clean your premises, back and front, inside and out. Have your trash handy for the men, at your back gate, and the wagons provided by Town Council and Civic League will haul it off for you on Friday, April 23rd.

John Bunney Critically Ill.
Brooklyn, N. Y., April 17.—John Bunney, one of the best known comic characters in the motion picture world, is critically ill at his home in Flat Bush, Brooklyn. He suffered a breakdown two weeks ago, and last night took a turn for the worse.

Mr. Bunney, whose face and figure are known to millions of moving picture devotees, is fifty-two years old. He has been on the stage for thirty years, achieving his greatest success within recent years as a moving picture actor.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our many friends who so kindly aided us during the illness and death of our dear brother, George C. Ferrell. May the Lord bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garrison.

"I Don't Feel Good"

That is what a lot of people tell us. Usually their bowels only need cleaning.

Rexall Orderlies

will do the trick and make you feel fine.

We know this positively. Take one tonight. Sold only by us, 10 cents.

Kelly Drug Co.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Voters of Big Stone Gap:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of the town of Big Stone Gap, at the election to be held June 8th. I earnestly solicit the support of all voters, regardless of party affiliations. If elected to this office I will endeavor to perform the duties thereof to the best of my ability.

Yours very truly,

F. H. KENNEDY.

Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.

The board of visitors at their Annual Meeting on the 30th of March, 1915, will appoint STATE CADETS to fill vacancies in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Applications should be addressed to the undersigned on or before June 10th, on forms that will be sent upon request.

E. W. NICHOLS, Sec'y.

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